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In brief conversation with Under Secretary Bernardes late Thursday afternoon, he inquired whether I had any news outcome Mikoyan-Castro talks, saying their Ambassador had been unable secure such information. I said no, but had impression no progress on inspection in Loco. He speculated possibility using LA denuclearization resolution in UN as means solution. I asked whether resolution had support Soviets and Cubans. He seemed unsure but thought Soviets were supporting and Cubans likely follow their lead. Said mild objections from Argentina, which GOB were hoping overcome promptly. Thought resolution could be passed quickly through UNGA and meeting twenty LA countries convoked promptly to agree inspection measures. Recognized great difficulties alternative idea Caribbean inspection against invasion preparations, and tactical advantage limiting effort LA.

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